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1. The Sandrik firm at Dolne Hamre (O 49/U 14) has been converted into a munitions factory. An industrial combine is being constructed which will extend from Dolne Hamre to Zarnovice (Q 49/U 04); it will include a stadium, a nursery and apartments.
2. The Vychodoslovensky Hutny¹ steel and heavy machinery combine located at Kosice was not operating as of the time of observation.
3. The Svit factory, formerly Bata, at Gottwaldov, has been enlarged to three times its original size and manufactures tents, raincoats, boots and shoes, allegedly for military use; this factory also makes tires for export to the USSR.
4. An iron deposit estimated at 60,000,000 tons has been discovered about 15 kilometers south of Pilsen at Eipovice (N 50/L 14). The ore, which is not high-grade, is being mined by open strip mining.
5. The Czechoslovak government has ceased construction on highways begun at Tachov (N 50/P 54) and Polana (S 49/A 42)².
6. Work on the Danube-Oder Canal, which will extend from Kozle (Cosel) to Bratislava, has started. The construction of the canal was sub-divided into twenty-four different projects, which were submitted individually to Czech and Soviet officials for approval. Twenty-three of these projects provide for the utilization of existing river beds. Work has begun on the twenty-fourth project, which is the most difficult stretch because it does not utilize existing river beds. The canal will begin at Kozle, the Polish city located at the upper limit of navigability of the Oder, and will run to Lipnik nad Beovou (P 50/O 14), which has an altitude of 110 meters above Kozle and 190 meters above Bratislava. From Lipnik, the canal will proceed to Bratislava via Hodonin. Thirty surveyors are at work with their crews on the project.

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near Kosice.

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highway which was reported The Czechoslovak government, of
course, would not be in a position to put a stop to highway work at Polana,
since this town lies in Sub-Carpathian Ruthenia, which was formerly a part
of Czechoslovakia but is now integrated into the USSR.

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